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In re Application of  
Takashi Matsumoto et al.  
Application No. 09/653,988  
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For: COIN DISPENSING APPARATUS

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HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT


This is in response to applicant's petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 11, 2002 and supplemented on December 13, 2002.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record indicates that the application was held abandoned for failure to file a timely response to an Office communication dated June 3, 2002.

Applicant's petition includes a copy of a response bearing a Certificate of Facsimile Transmittal date of September 3, 2002. A statement by Scott D. Paul was received on December 13, 2002, which attests to the personal knowledge of transmitting the response on the date indicated on the Certificate of Facsimile Transmittal. This is sufficient evidence of a timely response.

Since a timely response to the Office action was filed, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status. The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner for entry of the response filed with the petition, and then to the Examiner for prompt action on the merits of the application.

  
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